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The INNER CIRCLE

Time passes and things change. HERE COMES A CANDLE, NAUTILUS and IN THE ZONE are now history. The two projects we concentrated on the most during the past few months have been printed and hopefully now reside in your comic collection. Time for Carole and I to catch up on scripts for KATMANDU and SHANDA.

So what will we do with our spare time?

New books and new titles and new projects. Brock Hoagland and Shawn Decker will be bringing Brock's ALI AND HIVIS stories to comic life in KNIGHT AND MOUSE, to appear in SFA SPOTLIGHT. Oscar Marcus, famous for many years as one of the best illustrators of furry females gets a full book detailing a furry model agency in PLUSH BEAUTIES, also to appear in SPOTLIGHT.

SFA INTERNATIONAL returns with Volume 2, and a new star. SFA INTERNATIONAL VOLUME 2 NUMBER 1: SAVAGE SQUIRREL COMIX by Kjartan Arnorsson.

In February we debut our first NON anthropomorphic comic: John Lustig's LAST KISS. There's a preview in the new NEW HORIZONS, but basically it's romance comics redone with new dialogue. You can also have a look at this hilarious feature in each issue of COMIC BUYER'S GUIDE.

We're still working on acquiring a famous animal superhero of years past...these legal matters to take time. But we already lined up MIKE KAZALEH, MARC SCHIRMEISTER, CHARLES ETTINGER, MICHAEL-SCOT McMURRY, CHRIS (SIMPSONS) YAMBAR, and CHARLES BRODERICK JR. to work on it.

Speaking of George, look for his character COURAGEOUS MAN to have an issueof SFA SPOTLIGHT next year...

And of course, we're working on new editions of the KATMANDU HANDBOOK and SHANDAVERSE, and planning a COLOR relaunch of SHANDA THE XXX FILES, and KATMANDU XXX.

What spare time?

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"BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS"

WELL, CHILDREN, GRANDMA KAMESS HAS ALL KINDS OF THINGS FOR US TO DO THIS WEEK.

WAVE GOODBYE, JOHNATHAN-

STORY: CAROLE CURTIS.
PENCILS AND INKS:
SHAWNTAE HOWARD
LETTERS: CHARLES GRAY

WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A HURRY?

I **HATE** LEAVING THE CHILDREN FOR TWO WEEKS.

I'LL MISS THE KIDS, BUT THIS IS OUR SECOND HONEYMOON!

"JUST IMAGINE SEEING THE GREAT CRATER LAKE-- AND SWIMMING IN THE HOTSPRINGS-"

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO **SOAKING** IN THE HOTSPRINGS!

WELL, WE'VE GOT ABOUT A FIVE-HOUR DRIVE AHEAD. HOW ABOUT A STORY?

A **STORY?**

SURE! WHY DO YOU THINK I BROUGHT YOU ALONG?

OH, SOME WILD PASSIONATE CUDDLING PERHAPS?

WISH THE RADIO WORKED.

LET'S SEE-- I REMEMBER THAT TIME LISKA VISITED THE GREAT CRATER LAKE.

OH?

"IT WASN'T A GOOD TIME FOR HER. RIAL HAD JUST DIED IN BATTLE, LEAVING WASIL, HIS PREGNANT WIFE. PYNDAN HAD BEEN INJURED IN BATTLE. LISKA AND MARKREE WERE TAKING CARE OF **SEVERAL** PEOPLE-- WITH HESTA'S HELP--"

PYNDAN'S BARELY EATING. HE'S GETTING WORSE.

I THOUGHT SO. I'LL TALK TO LISKA

PYNDAN'S FEVER IS UP AND HE'S WASTING. I NEED HERBS I DO NOT HAVE. SULFER AND GOLDENSEAL.

THE CLOSEST TRIBE IS SEVERAL DAYS RIDE.

I DO NOT THINK THAT PYNDAN WILL LAST THAT LONG.

WAIT! CHIEF COR-MAC-DEN AND THE BURNT TREE TRIBE...

...ARE CAMPING NEAR THE GREAT BLUE LAKE.

I'LL LEAVE AS SOON AS SHAYGIN PREPARES FOOD AND TRADE GOODS.

LISKA, I'LL HELP TOO.

LISKA, SHE'S ADRIFT WITHOUT RIAL.

THANK YOU,

ABOUT YOUR STATUS....

...IF ANYONE ASKS, TELL THEM YOU ARE WASIL MITSEL-EMAN, SECOND WIFE OF A WAR CHIEF.

THANK YOU, MY HUSBAND.

I WILL HONOR YOUR HEARTH AND BEAR YOUR CHILDREN

HEY!

LET'S GET SOME PEOPLE OUT HERE! MARKREE AND I HAD GOOD HUNTING!

HESTA!

DO YOU REALLY LIKE MY COOKING?

IT'S THE BEST I'VE EVER EATEN.

I'LL COOK A SPECIAL MEAL FOR YOU IF YOU'LL GO TALK TO LISKA-

PYNDAN NEEDS MEDICINALS OR HE'LL DIE.

YOU'D BE WELCOME.

LISKA, YOUR WIFE TELLS ME YOU'RE HEADED FOR COR-MAC-DEN'S CAMP.

NEED A TRAVEL MATE?

YOU KNOW, WITH MY PEOPLE A WOMAN CAN BE A WARRIOR.

YOUR TRIBE THINKS IT'S SPECIAL. HOW DID YOU BECOME A WARRIOR.

I DIDN'T ASK FOR IT. IT WAS THRUST ON ME.

I WAS A BED SLAVE.

HOW DID YOU BECOME A SLAVE? IT SEEMS ODD.

"WELL, OUR PARENTS DIED, LEAVING ME AND MARKREE ORPHANED. OUR AUNT-

-DERONDA TOOK US IN."

"ONE DAY, TWO YOUNG WARRIORS RAIDED OUR CAMP, TAKING FOOD AND A SLAVE--ME. THEY WERE RIAL AND PYNDAN."

"AS I GREW OLDER, MOTHER SANNA TAUGHT ME ABOUT BEING A BEDSLAVE FOR RIAL. I GREW TO LIKE HIM. ONE DAY, WHILE THE MEN WERE OUT HUNTING, OUR VILLAGE-

WAS ATTACKED BY SIX TALL WARRIORS- AS TALL AS YOU."

"WHAT HAPPENED?"

"WE KILLED THEM. I KILLED THREE. THE CHIEF MADE ME A FREE WARRIOR."

PYNDAN TAUGHT ME-- BECAUSE RIAL HAD BEEN TAKEN BY SLAVERS. I BROUGHT MARKREE HERE, AND EVENTUALLY WE FOUND RIAL.

I'M GLAD MARKREE'S THERE NOW. WITH SIX CHILDREN, TWO WIVES, MOTHER-

SANNA AND PYNDAN, A FAMILY IS A LOT OF WORK.

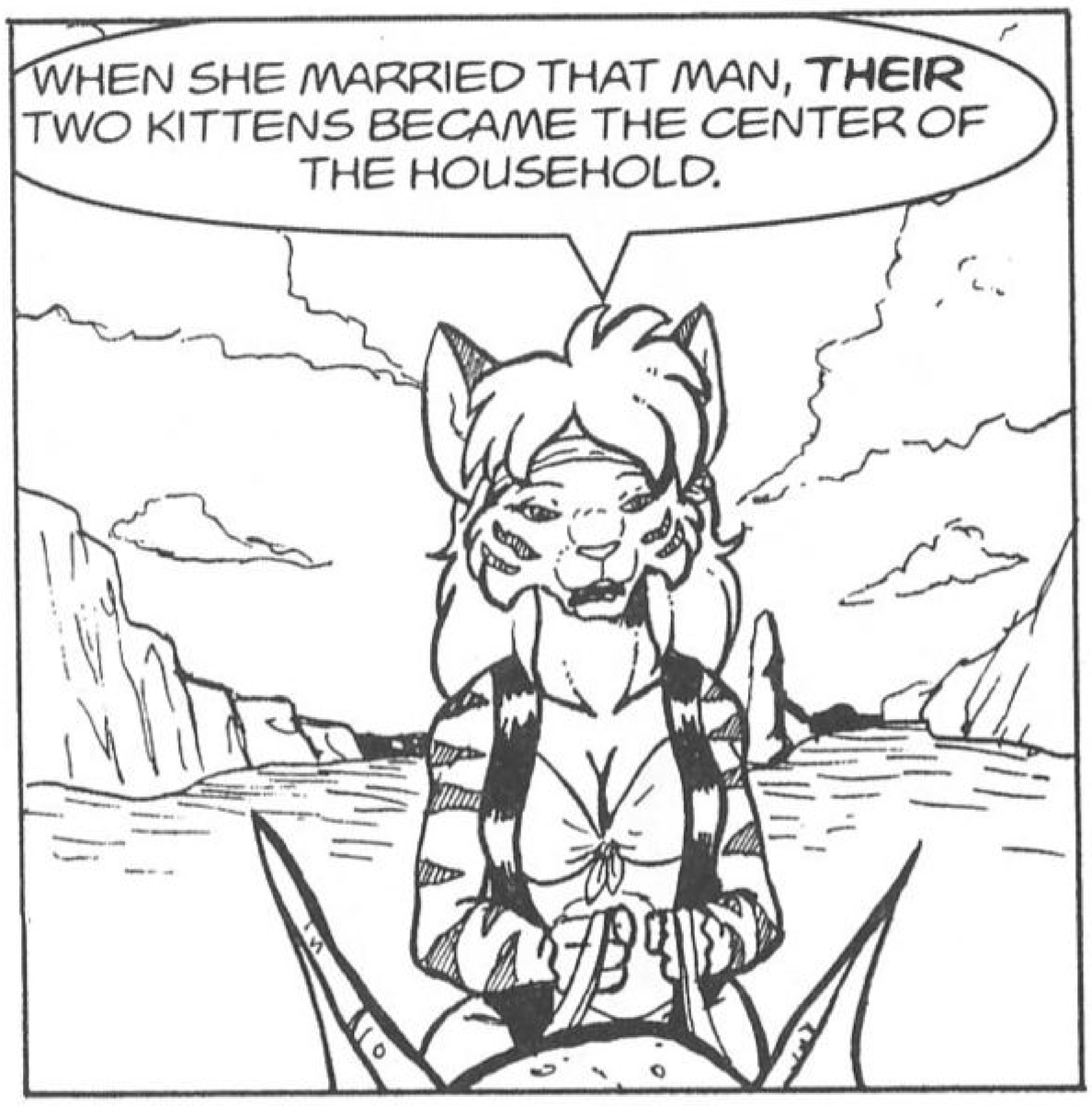
FAMILY IS WHY I DECIDED TO BECOME A WARRIOR.

OH, DID IT RUN IN YOUR FAMILY?

NO.

"MY FATHER DIED WHEN I WAS SEVEN. MY SISTER AND I STAYED WITH OUR MOTHER. THEN SHE REMARRIED-- AND HAD TWO MORE CHILDREN."

YOU PROBABLY LIKED YOUR MOTHER AND SHE PROBABLY LIKED YOU.


WHEN SHE MARRIED THAT MAN, THEIR TWO KITTENS BECAME THE CENTER OF THE HOUSEHOLD.

"SHE CHARGED ME WITH CARING FOR THEM, KEEPING THEM OUT OF TROUBLE, BUT NOT DISCIPLINE. IF THEY SCREWED UP I WAS BEATEN. SHE TOLD ME I WOULD NOT BE EDUCATED; THE TWINS WERE MORE IMPORTANT. ALSO, SHE EXPECTED ME NOT TO MARRY- I WOULD BE THE FAMILY CARETAKER. MY SISTER WOULD BE APPRENTICED OUT."

"YOU SEE, MY STEPFATHER WAS A TOWN MERCHANT. THERE WAS A SCHOOL, BUT IT COST MONEY, MY SISTER AND I WEREN'T IMPORTANT ENOUGH."

"I TOOK THE KITTENS TO SCHOOL AND MET THE TEACHER. I OFFERED TO CUT WOOD FOR HER IF SHE WOULD LOAN ME BOOKS."

"MY SISTER AND I STUDIED AT NIGHT AFTER EVERYONE WENT TO BED."

"MY STEPSIBS SOON LEARNED THEY COULD TREAT US ANYWAY THEY LIKED. MOTHER WOULD ALWAYS SIDE WITH THEM."

"ANYWAY, WE ENDURED IT FOR YEARS. THE FINAL STRAW CAME WHEN I WAS 17."

"THERE WAS A PLACE NEAR OUR HOME, OVERLOOKING A QUARRY. WHEN WE WENT THERE, I TOLD SUO AND SABELL TO STAY AWAY FROM THE EDGE."

"OF COURSE, THEY DIDN'T LISTEN. MY SISTER RADIN WAS HOME COOKING LUNCH. MOTHER WAS CHECKING HER HUSBANDS ACCOUNTS.

"SUD KEPT RUNNING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE EDGE. FINALLY, IT HAPPENED."

"HE WENT OVER THE EDGE. SABELL STARTED SCREAMING"

"HE WAS LYING ON A LEDGE. I SCRAMBLED DOWN TO REACH HIM.

"HE WAS SHAKEN, BUT OTHERWISE ALL RIGHT."

"I TOLD HIM TO CLIMB ON MY BACK WHILE I CLAWED MY WAY UP THE CLIFF WALL."

"ONCE HE WAS AT THE TOP, THE LITTLE MONSTER SHOWED HIS GRATITUDE."

"I FELL BACKWARD, CLAWING FOR ANY HOLD. I HEARD MY MOTHER YELLING. THEN I HIT THE SAME LEDGE SUO HAD LANDED ON."

"I BARELY CAUGHT MYSELF. MY ARM BROKE WHEN I LANDED. AS I LAY CATCHING MY BREATH, I HEAD MY MOTHER YELLING AT ME FOR LETTING HIM FALL."

"I HEARD HER TELL THE KITTENS TO GO TO THE HOUSE; THAT I COULD PULL MYSELF UP."

"IT TOOK AN HOUR, BUT I DID IT. I WENT TO THE KITCHEN. RADWIN WAS COOKING. SHE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING HAD HAPPENED!"

"I WAS REALLY FEELING BAD. RADWIN HELPED ME TO THE VILLAGE HEALER, WHO SET MY ARM IN A SPLINT AND GAVE ME HERBS FOR PAIN."

"WHEN WE WALKED HOME, I COULD SMELL THE BURNED DINNER AS WE GOT CLOSER."

"I KNEW WE WOULD CATCH IT, AND WE DID."

"MOTHER TORE INTO US BOTH. I WAS NEGLIGENT WITH THE TWINS. SUO COULD HAVE BEEN HURT PLAYING BY THE GORGE. RADWIN HAD BURNED THE EVENING MEAL, FOOLING WITH ME. WE HAD BOTH DISAPPOINTED HER."

"SHE SAID SHE WAS DONE CODDLING US. WE WERE TO TAKE WHAT WE COULD CARRY AND GET OUT!"

TO BE CONTINUED....